

REMARKS

Applicants present with this preliminary amendment a set of new claims 96 to 126 for examination in this application. These claims focus on the embodiments of the invention that include the use of machine readable labels on medication containers and label readers for reading those labels, and on an embodiment in which the system can read pump configuration information from the infusion pump. Claims 1 to 95 have been cancelled. Thus, claims 96 to 126 are pending in this application. The new claims are supported by the application as originally filed and thus present no new matter.

In particular, independent claim 96 and its dependent claims 97 to 101 are supported in the application, e.g., in FIG. 25 and at pages 55 to 56. Dependent claims 102 to 104 are supported, e.g., in FIG. 26 and at page 57. Claims 105 and 106 are supported in various locations in the specification, e.g., in the Summary, at page 5.

Independent claim 107 and dependent claims 108 to 110 are supported throughout the application, e.g., in FIG. 25 and at page 10 and at pages 55 to 57.

Independent claim 111 is also supported in the application, e.g., in FIGs. 1 and 25 and at pages 10 and 55 to 57. Dependent claims 112 to 116 are also supported in the application at pages 55 to 57.

Independent claims 117 and 122, and dependent claims 118 to 121, covering an infusion pump are supported in the application, e.g., in FIGs. 1 and 25 and at pages 10 and 55 to 57.

Independent claim 123 and dependent claims 124-126 cover a system for reading pump configuration information from a drug infusion pump. These claims are supported, e.g., at page 7, last paragraph, at page 21, first full paragraph, and at pages 57 to 58 (event log).

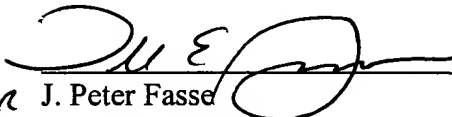
Applicants ask that all claims be examined and allowed. Please charge the amount of \$600 for excess claims fees to Deposit Account No. 06-1050, referencing Attorney Docket No. 00786-157003.

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